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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 30.

FRIDAY, 22ND OCTOBER, 1948.

1. The House met, at half-past ten o'clock a.m., pursuant to adjournment.—The Deputy Speaker (Mr. Clark) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—STATES GRANTS (ADMINISTRATION OF CONTROLS REIMBURSEMENT) BILL 1948.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was presented, and was read by Mr. Deputy Speaker :—

W. J. McKELL,
Governor-General.

Message No. 10.

In accordance with the requirements of section fifty-six of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia, the Governor-General recommends to the House of Representatives that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to make provision for the grant of Financial Assistance to the States in connexion with the administration of Prices, Rents and Land Sales Controls, and for other purposes.

Canberra, 20th October, 1948.

Ordered—That the foregoing Message be taken into consideration, in Committee of the whole House, forthwith.

Mr. Deputy Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

(In the Committee.)

Mr. Chifley (Treasurer) moved, That it is expedient that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to make provision for the grant of Financial Assistance to the States in connexion with the administration of Prices, Rents and Land Sales Controls, and for other purposes.

Question—put and passed.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed; Mr. Burke reported accordingly.

Mr. Chifley moved, pursuant to contingent notice, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would prevent the remaining stages being passed without delay.

Question—put and passed.

The Resolution reported from the Committee was read, and, on the motion of Mr. Chifley, was adopted by the House.

Ordered—That Mr. Chifley and Mr. Dedman do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing Resolution.

Mr. Chifley then brought up the Bill accordingly, and moved, That it be now read a first time.

Question—put and passed. Bill read a first time.

Mr. Chifley moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Mr. Harrison (Acting Leader of the Opposition) moved, That the debate be now adjourned.

Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put and passed.

Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.

3. IMMIGRATION BILL 1948. Mr. Calwell (Minister for Immigration), pursuant to leave given on the 15th October, brought up a Bill intituled "A Bill for an Act to amend the Immigration Act 1901-1940", and moved, That it be now read a first time.

Question—put and passed. Bill read a first time.

Ordered—That the second reading be made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.

22nd October, 1948.

4. PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE—REFERENCE OF WORK—PRIMARY SCHOOL AT DARWIN.—Mr. Lemmon (Minister for Works and Housing) moved, pursuant to notice, That, in accordance with the provisions of the *Commonwealth Public Works Committee Act 1913-1947*, the following proposed work be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works for investigation and report, namely :—The erection of a Primary School at Darwin.
Mr. Lemmon having laid on the Table drawings in connexion with the proposed work—
Question—put and passed.
5. SUPPLY—ESTIMATES—ADDITIONS, NEW WORKS, ETC., 1948-49.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

Vote—“ Part I. —Departments and Services—other than Business Undertakings and Territories of the Commonwealth, £27,594,000 ”—further debated.
Progress to be reported, and leave asked to sit again.

The House resumed ; Mr. Burke reported accordingly.

Resolved—That the House will, at the next sitting, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

6. WAR PENSIONS ENTITLEMENT APPEAL TRIBUNAL NO. 1—REPORT, 1947-48—MOTION FOR PRINTING PAPER.—Mr. Harrison (Acting Leader of the Opposition) moved, That the following Paper, laid on the Table of the House on the 14th October, be printed :—
Australian Soldiers' Repatriation Act—War Pensions Entitlement Appeal Tribunal No. 1—
Report for period 1st July, 1947, to 28th February, 1948.
Mr. Lemmon (Minister for Works and Housing) moved, That the debate be now adjourned.
Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put and passed.
Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.
7. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Scully (Vice-President of the Executive Council) moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at eight minutes to one o'clock p.m., adjourned until Tuesday next at three o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr. Anthony, Mr. Barnard, Mr. Beale, Mr. Chambers, Mr. Evatt, Mr. Falstein, Mr. Fraser, Mr. Holloway, Mr. Holt, Mr. Howse, Mr. Hughes, Mr. James, Dame Enid Lyons, Mr. McBride, Mr. McLeod, Mr. Menzies, Mr. Mulcahy, Mr. Rosevear, Mr. Scullin, Mr. Sheehy and Mr. Thompson.

F. C. GREEN,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.